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TAGS: EARL, TECH, ENRG, AS, NL

SUBJECT: URANIUM ENRICHMENT: REPORTED TRIPARTITE INTEREST IN AUSTRALIAN PLANT

REF: THE HAGUE 127, CANBERRA 138, THE HAGUE 101, USEC BRUSSELS 174

1. HERZIG (ATOMIC ENERGY, DEPT OF ENERGY) COMMENTED IT WAS STILL NOT CLEAR WHETHER THERE WAS ANYTHING NEW IN LATEST AUSTRALIAN EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST IN URANIUM ENRICHMENT PLANT. HE NOTED THAT SINCE NOVEMBER ANNOUNCEMENT BY GOA OF NEW URANIUM POLICY AUSTRALIANS HAVE MERELY FORMALIZED WELL-KNOWN PREVIOUS INTENTIONS TO DEVELOP THEIR RESOURCES BY ADOPTION OF SOME SORT OF ENRICHMENT TECHNOLOGY. HERZIG NOTED THAT AUSTRALIANS HAVE NOW MORE OR LESS PUT THEIR CARDS ON THE TABLE AND WILL TRY TO EXPLOIT THEIR BARGAINING POSITION VIS-A-VIS VARIOUS GROUPS SUCH AS FRENCH, URENCO AND US WHICH ARE SUPPORTING COMPETING TECHNOLOGIES.

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2. HERZIG MENTIONED PM WHITLAM WOULD BE MEETING IN BONN

WITH GERMANS TODAY BUT COULD OFFER NO FURTHER INFORMATION.

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